

**Minutes of a Joint Meeting of
The Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL)
and
The Councils and Executives of Concordia's Students' Associations**
Friday, March 7, 1997 - 9:30am - J.A. de Sève Cinema, SGW Campus

Present: Dr. D.L. Boisvert, Chair, Ms J. Hackett, Secretary, Mr. M. Adibpour (ASFA), Mr. C. Allard (FASA), Mr. G. Anderson (CASA), Ms. E. Arel (ASFA), Ms. A. Arsenault (CASA), Mr. S. Babb (ECA/CSU), Mr. T. Balazic (CASA), Ms. C. Blackwood (CSU), Mr. A. Campbell (FASA), Ms. J. Chartier (ECA), Mr. R. Chevalier (ASFA), Ms. C. Cogger (CSU/CCSL), Mr. R. Côté (CCSL), Ms. A. Coyle (ASFA), Mr. P. Devey (ASFA), Mr. J. Evanson (ECA), Mr. A. Feldman (CSU/CCSL), Mr. D. Gagnon (CSU), Ms. T. Geha (CASA), Ms. A. Ghadban (CCSL), Ms. B. Gillen (FASA), Mr. J. Goldman (CSU), Dr. S. M. Graub (CCSL), Ms. M. Greyson (FASA), Mr. D. Griffiths (ASFA), Mr. D. Hinton (ECA), Ms. C. Hughes (CCSL), Ms. N. Ishak (ASFA), Ms. Y. Ismail (CGSA), Mr. D. Janssen (ECA/CSU), Mr. A. Kerby (CCSL), Ms. S. Kiruluta (ECA/CCSL), Ms. J. Lafford (ASFA), Ms. A. Lapos (ECA), Ms. S. Leroux (CSU), Ms. C. Moussalie (CASA), Mr. R. Marini (ECA), Mr. K. McMurray (ASFA), Ms. R. Robinson (CCSL), Mr. P. Ouellet (CSU), Mr. P. Picciola (CASA), Sabbag (CSU), Ms. A. Shome (CGSA), Ms. I. Sinclair (CSGA), Mr. R. Sonin (ASFA), Mr. A. Soussa (CSGA), Ms. J. Starkman (CSU/CCSL), Ms. H. Stoeff (ASFA), Ms. L. Tarakdjian (CGSA), Ms. N. Torbit (CCSL), Ms. J.A. Tremblay (FASA), Ms. K. Tsolakos (CASA), Ms. A. Wasajja (CSU), Ms. M. West (CSU/CCSL), Mr. A. Youness (CCSL/GSA), Mr. A. Zakka (CCSL/GSA), Mr. H. Zarins (CCSL), Mr. D. Robinson (ASFA), Mr. N.P. Khabar (ASFA).

1. Remarks From the Chair

Dr. Boisvert, Dean of Students and Chair of CCSL, welcomed the students and the members of CCSL to this most important occasion. He explained how the meeting would proceed and the voting eligibility. He announced there would be a brief recess in order for the students to ensure that all their representatives were present.

2. Remarks from the Chair of the Campaign for a New Millennium

Dr. Boisvert introduced Mr. Ronald Corey, the Chair of the Campaign. Mr. Corey spoke briefly about the work of the campaign and its importance to the future of Concordia and to the welfare of current and future students. He expressed his strong belief in the mission of Concordia University and reiterated his commitment to Concordia for the duration of the Campaign.

3. Motion to Mandate the expanded Meeting

Motion #1 (attached)

Be it Resolved

That, for this present meeting only, the Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL) agrees to accept as binding any resolution or resolutions that may be adopted with respect to student participation in the "Campaign for a New Millennium", such resolution or

resolutions to be voted upon by a specially constituted body meeting at this time and in this place, and to which have been invited to serve as voting members all members of the CCSL and the individual representative members of the Concordia Student Union (CSU), the Commerce and Administration Students' Association (CASA), the Commerce Graduate Students' Association (CGSA), the Engineering and Computer Science Students' Association (ECA), the Engineering & Computer Science Graduate Association (ECGSA), the Fine Arts Students' Alliance (FASA), the Arts & Science Faculty Association (ASFA) and the Graduate Students Association (GSA);

Ms Maxine West proposed acceptance of the motion, seconded by Ms Christine Cogger. The motion was carried by a clear majority.

4. Question & Answer Period

Concern was expressed by the students on how information on monies received, pledges, and possible loans against the capital would be disseminated to the students. Ms C. Kleingrib confirmed that detailed monthly reports would be sent to the Concordia Board of Governors that would be available for the student caucus. As well students were encouraged to request information directly from the Advancement Office. The University affirmed that the students were partners in this campaign. There was a lengthy discussion on the ECA's contribution to the Capital Campaign. Concerns centered around the idea of the ECA seeming to be exempt or having special status because of their contribution arrangement. Ms Kiruluta, President of the ECA, explained the background of this agreement. The ECA has since 1985 been assessed an annual contribution for their Faculty's equipment fund and it had been agreed by the ad hoc committee of Student Leaders that this contribution should be maintained for its current purpose. Ms Cogger asked if there was an opt-out provision. Mr. Janssen replied that that option was not in the motion but an amendment could be debated if the meeting wished. He pointed out that the ECA Equipment Fund did **not** have an Opt-out option.

5. Motion to approve the Student Commitment to the Campaign for a New Millennium (attached)

As Motion #2 was rather lengthy, Dr. Boisvert did not read it aloud. He indicated that there are many parts to the motion and that all or some may be amended. Mr. Janssen moved to accept the motion, seconded by Mr. McMurray.

As the students are partners in the Campaign, Mr. Feldman felt it was important to ensure their direct participation.

He proposed the following amendment to Motion #2, seconded by Mr. Zakka.

Be It Further Resolved that the Concordia Council on Student Life request of the Board of Governors that any ad hoc bodies established to determine the disbursement of any funds contributed to the Campaign for a New Millennium, or any related construction or development, be required to include direct student representation.

The amendment was carried by a clear majority.

Mr. Rossi proposed the following amendment, seconded by Mr. Sonin.

Be it resolved that the fee structure be changed to a flat \$2.00 per credit fee for the ten year period

Mr. Rossi said in order to simplify the fee structure, a flat \$2.00 fee should be assessed all the way through. Also, he felt in light of the possible cut-backs in some departments, this fee structure would be fairer to students who are in "less secure departments". Mr. Janssen felt that it was important to stagger the fee. The effects of the campaign will not immediately be seen in the first and second year. He also pointed out that students today are receiving the benefits of a previous Capital Campaign. Dr. Boisvert called for a vote.

The amendment was defeated. Yes - 22 No - 27 Abstentions - 8

Mr. Rossi proposed the following amendment.

That any reference in the motion to the exemption of the ECA from the fee structure be removed.

A discussion ensued as to why Engineering & Computer Science students' contribution to the Capital Campaign is different from the other Faculties. It was felt by some students that the ECA equipment fund serves only the Engineering & Computer Science Faculty and that the Capital Campaign is supposed to be for all of Concordia. Mr. Sonin pointed out that students often pay for services they will never use, e.g. Recreation & Athletics Fee, Student Safety Patrol Fee. He felt it was important to look at the entire picture; what will benefit the University as a whole. He felt the issue was getting clouded with misplaced loyalties. Ms Kiriluta reiterated that the ECA money is represented in the Capital Campaign. She also pointed out that when the Campaign is finished, the ECA will still be paying into their Equipment Fund. She felt the ECA is supportive of other faculties. That is why this issue had been discussed by the student representatives of all the faculties well in advance of this date. Mr. McMurray moved to end the debate. He called the question. Dr. Boisvert put the amendment to a vote:

The Amendment was defeated. Yes - 22 No - 31 Abstentions - 2

Mr. Rossi proposed the following amendment to the fee structure distribution

New/renewed Recreation/Athletics facilities	20%
Endowment for Scholarships, Bursaries & Emergency Loans	50%
Endowment for Library	10%
Student Life Initiative Fund	20%

After discussion, the amendment was defeated by a clear majority.

Mr. Feldman felt that the wording for the "Student Initiative Fund" was misleading and could be confused with the existing Concordia Council on Student Life Projects Fund. As this fund is for **capital** projects he proposed the following amendment.

That the Student Life Initiative fund be changed to read Endowment for Student Life Initiative Capital Fund

The amendment was carried by a clear majority.

Mr. Sabbag re-introduced the issue of the ECA's contribution to the Capital Campaign. Mr. Campbell proposed an amendment that would ensure that the ECA is contributing something directly to the Capital Campaign as opposed to the total amount going to the Engineering Equipment Fund. Dr. Boisvert interjected at this point stating this matter had already been resolved. Therefore he could not allow an amendment to be proposed. The Chair's ruling was challenged by Mr. Feldman. The chair's ruling was put to vote. The Chair's ruling was sustained by a clear majority

Ms Blackwood proposed an amendment to the fee structure distribution. Although Dr. Boisvert felt that issue may have been resolved, he decided to allow discussion on the amendment. The Chair's ruling was challenged by Ms Kiriluta. The chair's ruling was put to a vote and was over-turned by a clear majority.

Ms Leroux asked that any publicity or literature clearly state the students' financial commitment to the Capital Campaign and that the university administration acknowledge publicly the students' commitment. Ms Kleingrib affirmed the University will go to great lengths to publicize the students' contribution. She affirmed this commitment will be acknowledged at the Board of Governors, through The Thursday Report and the student media.

The choice of David Janssen as Student Vice-Chair of the Capital Campaign was questioned by Ms Leroux. She asked whether his involvement as an executive of the ECA might be seen as a conflict of interest. Mr. McMurray stated that Mr. Janssen was chosen by a clear majority by the student leadership. They have full confidence in him.

Ms Cogger called the vote, seconded by Mr. McMurray. The assembly voted a clear majority in support of the motion.

Motion #2 (attached), with the approved amendments, was carried.

Yes - 45 No - 8 Abstentions - 0

Dr. Boisvert thanked everyone for attending, and for helping make such a significant contribution to the university.

The meeting was terminated.